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In re Application of:

JOHN C. S. Koo

Serial No.: 10/613,741

Filed: July 3, 2003

For: SHOE HAVING A CONTOURED BOTTOM
WITH SMALL PARTICLES BONDED TO
THE LOWEST EXTENDING PORTIONS
THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 3728

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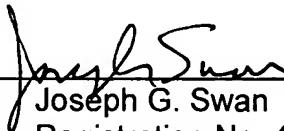
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